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*Agents.*  
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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 12TH, 1872.

THE *Japan Mail* notices that the MIKADO has ceased to go about with a body guard, and the other paraphernalia of his high office, and considers this a subject for regret. That it is so there can be very little doubt. Men are creatures of habit all over the world, and a large number can only respect royalty when surrounded by its familiar associations. With a nation such as the Japanese, it would seem a very dangerous experiment suddenly to invade all the old ideas, and it is almost inexplicable how widely they have departed from them. It might, of course, be fairly considered that the Japanese themselves would be able to judge correctly on such a subject, and that the MIKADO would not adopt the course which he has taken, unless he was fully assured that in doing so he was acting most in accordance with the interests of his high office, and the people over whom he has been placed. We may hope that such is the case, but at the same time, as we can judge only by our own lights and experience, we are justified in feeling some apprehension as to the results of the great liberal movement which has for the last few years been going on in Japan. Pleased as Western nations must be to see progress at work among a hitherto exclusive people, they may yet fear that there are elements in the movement which do not portend good; and which, if not counteracted by other influences, must neutralise much of the benefit which would otherwise be attained.

The danger which Japan has to face at present appears to be precisely that which always besets a liberal form of government, that is, that the power of ruling the State may fall into the hands of the multitude alone, than whom all experience proves there can be no more severe or more arbitrary task-master. This is the seed of dissolution which a popular form of government commonly has within itself, and against which it is necessary to establish strong counterchecks. In a mixed form of government such checks are to be found; and there can be no question that respect for the nobility and the throne is the surest means of preventing a popular government degenerating into a "mobocracy." Despite all checks, however, such is its undoubted tendency, and where we see a very rapid advancement in the direction of liberalism, we have reason to fear that the power in the State may become too widely diffused, and that after suffering the evils resulting from this cause, the nation may be subject to reaction, and submit to the rule of an individual invested with almost arbitrary powers, as being preferable to the absolute power acquired by the masses. In a country like Japan, where progress has made exceptional strides, there is too much reason to fear that this working of the principles of Government, which is constantly going on under different modifications in different parts of the world, will be too rapid also, and hence, it is especially desirable to preserve those outward forms of ceremony and respect which have so powerful an influence upon the masses. Such influences are of comparatively little importance in countries where a strong centralising and aristocratic feeling exists as a counterbalancing influence to an over liberal tendency, but where advanced principles are entirely new, and not taken place, it is highly important to keep up by all legitimate means a feeling of reverence for constituted authority; and which is likely to be missed by too rapidly throwing aside the outward symbols of dignity which, as human nature is constituted, are all that large masses can understand of dignity itself.

The soldier who deserted from the 10th Regiment, and who was supposed to have been murdered on the mainland, gave himself up to the police yesterday, having returned safely, although in a very exhausted state.

The Band of H.M.'s 10th Regiment will perform in the Public Gardens this afternoon, at 5.15 p.m. The following is the programme:—

March. "Victoria." "Rivero."  
 Selection. "Morris." "Foster."  
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## LATE TELEGRAMS.

## REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

## SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

London, 8th June, 1872.  
 Earl Granville has read a letter in the House of Commons, dated 6th June, in which he stated that the Government had decided to grant a pension of £1,000 a year to the widow of the late Sir John Lubbock, who died in 1868.

London, 8th June, 1872.  
 The following vessels have passed the Canal Homeward, viz:—*Orizaba*, and *Recluse*, 5th June.

Singapore, 10th June.  
 The *Deceit* left Singapore on the 6th; and the *Malacca* arrived on the morning of the 9th, and left the same evening.

## POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

June 11th.

## BEFORE P. W. MITCHELL, ESQ.

## CLERK: WATSON.

European constable No. 51 charged a Chinese woman with being drunk in the street, and being in possession of a bottle of wine.

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